

# 144 LOST WITH VESSELS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

132 of Passengers and Crew  
of the Torpedoed Fa-  
laba Saved.

## ASSAILANT OFFERS NO HELP TO VICTIMS

## Torpedo Strikes Immediately After Warning to Lower Boats.

AGUE DESTROYED.  
WITH A LOSS OF 2  
Survivors Say German  
Fired on Loaded Boats.  
Killing Many.  
144 LIVES LOST

One hundred and forty-four lives in all were lost in the sinking of the British liner *Falaba* and the steamer *Agula*, torpedoed by German submarines off the British coast. The casualties may be tabulated as follows:

	<b>Falaba.</b>
Passengers, dead, 4; missing, 61; saved, 86.	
Crew, dead, 4; missing, 43; saved, 49.	

**Aguila.**  
Passengers, missing, 3.  
Crew missing, 23.

*Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN*  
LONDON, March 29.—The loss of 11  
in the sinking of the passenger steamer  
ship *Falaba* by a German submarine  
off the south coast of Mexico.

figures given out by the Admiralty tonight. The Admiralty's announcement states that the crew of the vessel numbered about ninety and that she

There were 140 survivors, of whom eight, including Capt. Davis of the vessel, died after they were picked up. It is feared that many were killed by the explosion of the torpedo.

At the same time the Admiralty announced that twenty-three of the crew and three passengers of the steamship *Aguila*, torpedoed by a German submarine in the English Channel on Saturday, are missing. The master of the vessel and fifty numbers of the crew have been landed at Fishguard.

The *Falco*, which was engaged

Nothing further was heard of the vessel until to-day, when a fishing boat arrived at Cardiff bringing 140 salmon, six or eight cod, and eight hollers, including that of the captain of the vessel.

boats ready. Before this could be done a torpedo struck the ship near the engine room. The explosion threw many of the persons on deck into the sea. A heavy sea was running at the time and the first three boats which were over the side were swamped and their occupants thrown into the sea.

Other boats were lowered and used to the rescue of those struggling in the water, in spite of the imminent danger to those already aboard them. Meanwhile the submarine was circling about the spot without making any effort to aid the passengers or sailors in the water.

**Describes the Attack.**

Dr. Percival of the West African Medical Staff thus describes the attack:

"At midday on Sunday, some spotted a submarine about two miles away. The submarine blew its whistle and made for us. Our captain ordered full steam ahead and steered a zig course, but the submarine was one of the biggest I have ever seen, and overhauled us.

"The commander of the submarine

the boats. He said he would give us 15 minutes, but we were only just getting the boats out when a range of about 150 yards a torpedo struck us. Eleven minutes later there was no sign of ship except wreckage and men straggling.

"How I escaped I hardly know," I found myself in one of the boats. I was taken aboard the straggling boat by a sergeant named "The Arab," a Moroccan Arab, another of the survivors. "The Fishion" was steaming between ten and twelve knots when the submarine was sighted, but was some 100 yards from the boat. I crawled the machine gradually some 400 yards away and as it did so a gun appeared at her deck. All the passengers gathered on the deck.

"We stood on the starboard side watching the submarine overhead," I wrote. "We did not think she would blow up—me or two mook boys in the